CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES 76 HARASSMENT CAUSED TO RYOTS IN THE COLLECTION OF REVENUE ARREARS IN ERSTWHILE RAMANATHAPURAM AND SIVAGANGA ZAMINDARI AREAS

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- (3) Section 23 of the Abolition Act, 1948—Rs. 76,99,873. In these circumstances, it was thought that no indulgence is called for and that the local authorities with the large additional staff recently and specially sanctioned for this specific purpose, should proceed with the collection, timing it as far as possible, with the larvest. That is all I have to say.

IV.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION RE DEATH OF TWO DRAVIDA KAZHAGAM MEMBERS IN CENTRA. JAIL, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI.

Mr. SPEAKER: I received notice of one adjournment motion from the hon. Member, Sri S. B. Adityan, yesterday and another from the Leader of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Sri C. N. Annadurai, to-day. Both of them want to adjourn the business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the serious situation created by the sudden death in the Central Jail, Truchrappalh, of two Dravida Kazhagam members, Ramasami and Vellaisami by name, on 8th March 1958 and 9th March 1958 respectively. Mr. Adityan's adjournment motion also refers to the refusal of the Jail authorities to hand over the dead body of the said Ramasami to Srimathi Maniammai and the outbreak of dysentery in the Central Jail, Tiruchirappalli. Before I give my decision, I should like to hear what the hon. Minister has to say on this matter.

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Sri C. N. Annadarai was passing on a chit to Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.

Mr. SPEAKER: Does the Hon. Minister want to add anything?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: இன்னும் நிராவிடக்கழகத் தோழர்கள் சிலருக்கு சீதபேதி ஏறபட்டு, ஒருவர் அபாய நிலேவில் இரு கிறுர் என்பதை கனம் அண்ணுதுரை அவர்கள் தெரிவில்கின்றுர். என்னிடம் அவ்விதம் தகவல் இல்லே. இருந்தபோதிலும் உடனடியாக " இன்ஸ்பெக்டர்-ஜெனரல் ஆப் பிரிஸன்ஸ்" அவர்களுக்கு தெரிவித்து நிலேமை என்ன என்பதை தெரிந்துகொள்கேறேன். தெரிந்துகொள்வ தோடு கூட, விசேஷமான சிலிச்சை வேண்டுமென்றுல், யார் யாருக்கு வேண்டியிருக்கிறதோ அவர்களுக்கு, முன்பு ஒரு தோழர் எவ்வாறு ஜில்லா தலேமை ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்குக் கொண்டுவரப்பட்டாரோ, அந்தமாதிரி, அவசியம் இருந்தால், அம்கே கொண்டுவரப்பட்ட கிலிச்சை செய்வதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்வதற்கும் இன்ஸ்பெக்டர்-ஜெனரல் மூலம் சொல்வதாகதான் இருக்கிறேன்.

Mr. SPEAKER: There are three factors involved in these adjournment motions.

One is the death of certain prisoners in the Tiruchirappalli jail. I am satisfied after hearing the Hon. the Minister for Home that it was due to natural causes and not due to negligence.

The second point is the non-handing over of the dead body to the relatives. I now understand from the Hon. Home Minister that it was due to the regulations in force and that the body has since been handed over to the relatives.

The third point is that the condition of certain Dravida Kazhagam prisoners is serious on account of dysentery. I now hear and understand from the statement made by the Hon. Home Minister that sufficient care is being taken.

Under these circumstances and in view of the fact that there will be an opportunity for the hon. Members to discuss this subject, if they so wish, when we take up the Police Demand or Jails Demand or the Appropriation Bill for the current year for consideration, I do not think I should give permission to discuss these adjournment motions.

V .- GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS PROHIBITION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958 (L.A. BILL NO. 2 OF 1958).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTHAVATSALAM: Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1958).